

SETTLEMENT DOCKET.

Probate Court of Holt County, Mo.

Regular February Term, A. D., 1892.

Monday, First Day, February 8th, A. D., 1892.

SAME OF PETITION
IN AND W. H.
Sergeant et al.
Willa Martha
Albertine Theodore
Hannah S. et al.
Hannah Susan et al.

Tuesday, Second Day, February 9th, A. D., 1892.

Davidson Thomas
Dwyer et al.
Zachariah E. B.
Lewis Ralph and Chester
H. C. et al.
Zachariah Charles et al.

Wednesday, Third Day, February 10th, A. D., 1892.

Franklin James et al.
M. J. Smith et al.
Robert G. et al.
Bennett J. et al.
W. H. et al.
William Fred and Jessie

Thursday, Fourth Day, February 11th, A. D., 1892.

John E. Taylor
John F. Taylor
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George Meyer
Napoleon Browning

Friday, Fifth Day, February 12th, A. D., 1892.

John E. Taylor
John F. Taylor
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George Meyer
Napoleon Browning

Saturday, Sixth Day, February 13th, A. D., 1892.

Goldberry Anna
Marion Parker
Sarah Parker
Steve Parker
Ward Thomas A.

STATE OF MISSOURI, Et al.

A. SAMUEL O'FALLON, Judge of the Probate Court of Holt County, Missouri, doth present his address and forewarning to be a day and time to meet at the same appears of record in my office and custom seal. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of said Court, this 12th day of January, A. D., 1892.

SAMUEL O'FALLON,
Judge of Probate Court.

Men With Tails.

Various stories have been told of the tails of the Niam Niams of Central Africa, who have also been asserted to be cannibals. Their tails have been described as smooth and as hairy as peculiar to the men, and as possessed by the men and women both. The most interesting and circumstantial account of this feature is given by Dr. Hubsch, of Constantinople, who examined a tallened tail, which was found to be a foot long, it being entirely destined to come before every congress until it is firmly obtained.

But while admitting that 1 cent postage is a popular demand, it is apparently destined to come before every congress until it is firmly obtained.

But while admitting that 1 cent postage is bound to come in time, a very slight investigation should convince the most enthusiastic advocates that the demand just now is premature. According to this year's report of the postmaster general, the department will probably be self-sustaining by 1893. That is to say, by continuing the 2 cent rate for the present the natural increase of postage-bills by 1893 will produce a balance sheet for the first time on record which will show a deficit.

But the question arises: Is there really no improvement in the management of the postoffice business of the country the more important? When the department if self-sustaining to what should the yearly postage appropriation, if any, be justly apportioned?

It will hardly be denied that there are many possible improvements in the service that have been long delayed for lack of money. Rural free delivery, for instance, is an improvement of far more importance to farmers and villagers than to the post-office rate. There are also many contemplated improvements in the railway mail service and in city facilities that have been kept back by the appropriate executive because of the annual deficit.

Now if 1 cent postage should be immediately adopted, it would not only postpone indefinitely those needed improvements but would make it impossible for the department to sustain itself for many years. The postoffice deficit would again become a bone of political contention and the service might seriously suffer by the desire of some congress to make an extra record for economy.

One cent postage should wait at least until the department is on a paying basis.

Rainfall and Population.

The distribution of population relative to mean annual rainfall indicates not only the tendency of people to seek arable lands, but their condition as to general healthfulness. The average annual rainfall in this country is 20 inches, but the variations range from zero to perhaps one hundred and twenty-five inches. Gauging the distribution of the population in accordance with the annual average rainfall in different localities, some interesting points are observable, not only as to the number of inhabitants in the areas calculated, but as to the density of population. The greater proportion of the people of the United States are living in the regions in which the annual rainfall is between thirty and fifty inches. Mr. Gannett calculates that about three-fourths of the inhabitants of the country are found under these conditions; and, furthermore, that as the rainfall increases or diminishes, the population diminishes rapidly. The density of population in regions where the average rainfall is between thirty and forty inches is 53.1 persons per square mile; in regions where the rainfall is from fifty to sixty inches annual, the density is 25.1, and in the arid regions of the West, where the rainfall is less than twenty inches, being two-fifths of the entire area of the country, less than three per cent of the population finds its home. The population has increased rapidly in the regions having from thirty to forty inches average annual rainfall. From Our Population and its Distribution, by Carroll D. Wright, in the Popular Science Monthly for January.

A bill has been introduced in the senate to authorize the sale of mineral lands to territories to aliens. A demand for legislation of this kind was made by the mining congress held in Denver a short time ago, a resolution having been adopted with practical unanimity declining that the sale of alien land and land equivalent to foreign capital from investment in mining lands in the territories is unwise and injurious, and calling upon congress to repeal it.

The Population of Oregon.

Population 1200, and we could say at least one-half of the children are to be said to have a very robust constitution. Should he die before he has any son, the next heir to the throne will be the infant son of the Duchess of Fife.

It is an interesting and suggestive fact that our country is the only one in the world that is at present really prosperous. There could not be better argument presented in vindication of the Republican tariff policy.

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